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Commission hears proposal from Province Healthcare

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

They won't be the ones making the decision, but Belle Glade City Commissioners are being courted by two of the three top contenders to buy Glades General Hospital.

Representatives from Province Healthcare, based in Brentwood, Tennessee, addressed Monday night's commission meeting telling officials what they will bring to the community if selected to purchase the hospital by the Palm Beach County Health Care District. The district currently owns

Glades General, a 73-bed facility on South Main Street, but is looking for a healthcare provider to purchase the hospital.

In October, city commissioners listened to the proposal from Larkin Community Hospital of South Miami. Dr. Jack Michel, CEO of Larkin, asked commissioners to support their purchase.

Christine Craft, vice president of Acquisitions and Development for Province, didn't go that far, but did say, "If the hospital is sold, we think we are the best alternative and a bright future."

She said Province, which owns 11 rural hospitals

and manages 55 more in about 20 states, only deals with non-urban areas and has expertise in growing small, community hospitals.

Some of the points she made include:

- Reassurance that all current employees will retain their jobs
- Excellent employee benefits
- Continued indigent care. "We will commit in writing that we will offer the same level of indigent

care," she said.

- Will have a clinic or out-patient facility in Pahokee
- Add six new physicians in the first two years.
- Provide money to upgrade current facility immediately, and
- Build a new hospital within five years. They

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Native author and native artist team up on local book

Ann O'Connell Rust, a Florida "cracker" whose parents were pioneers in the Everglades in the early part of the century, has written a book set in the Everglades and will be signing the book on Dec. 17 at Everglades Trading Post in Belle Glade.

Well-known Glades artist Ann Tyler designed the cover of Rust's new book, titled "Nonie of the Everglades" and will also be on hand at the Trading Post showing her latest paintings and her work will be for sale.

Ms. Rust is an award-winning author of young people's historical novels. Ms. Rust was born in Canal Point and attended school there and graduated from Pahokee High. Her father, Frank O'Connell, was a Palm Beach County Deputy Sheriff for 20-plus years in the area and her mother's family was also from the area. Her brother, Thurmond, was a farmer and realtor and served on the local school board.

After graduation she embarked on a successful career in modeling in Miami and New York City, where she met and married Allen, an FBI agent, and followed him to Puerto Rico (where their five children were born), New Mexico, Washington, D.C., Mexico City and finally back to Florida. She says she has "had an ongoing love affair with romantic old Florida all my adult life."

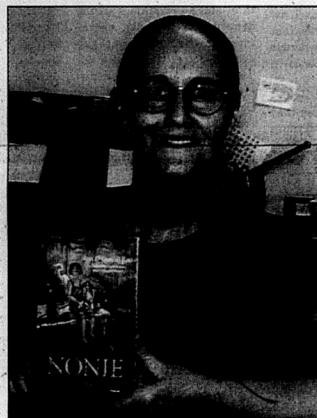
Her love of Florida history and her desire to preserve it resulted in her writing a five-volume series of historical novels titled, "The Floridians." The series won the coveted Lifetime Achievement Award of the National Association of Independent Publishers. One of her latest books, another historical novel set in old Florida, is "Dessa" which was published in the fall of 1996.

Ms. Rust is a speaker who travels throughout the state talking about Florida history. She has served on the board of directors of the Florida Publishers' Association for eight years and is a featured writer for the magazine "Florida Retirement Journal." Her children's historical fiction series will be published early in 1999. She and Allen spend their time between their home in Ocala and their ranch in Wyoming, and when time permits, they tend their nine grand-children.

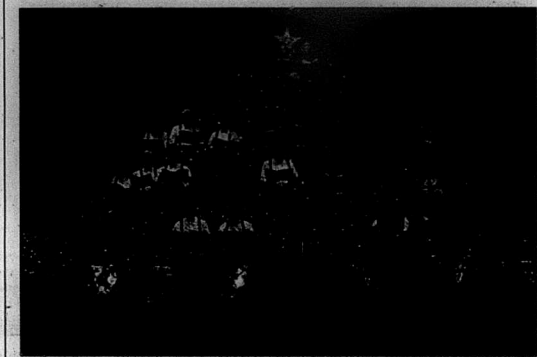
Ms. Rust is planning volume II of the "Nonie" series, which will be set in Thrift Island in 1926 and 1927. Volume III takes

Nonie to Canal Point, where she will live at the Custard Apple Inn. "If these are popular, I'll no doubt write more," says Ms. Rust.

She will also be at Glades Drugs in Pahokee on Dec. 17 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. doing book signings.



Well-known Glades artist Ann Tyler is shown with the book cover she illustrated for award-winning author Ann O'Connell Rust. Ms. Tyler and Ms. Rust will be signing volume I of "Nonie of the Everglades" at Everglades Trading Post in Belle Glade on Dec. 17 from 4-7 p.m.



(SUNPHOTO by Brenda Bunting)
The 10th Annual Living Christmas Tree performance was held last Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. This year's tree was even more beautiful than in years past and both performances were nearly sold out.

Florida Crystals and Cooperative buy New York sugar refinery

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Two local sugar companies are buying a sugar refinery called Refined Sugars, Inc., in Yonkers, N.Y.

Florida Crystals Corp., owned by the Fanjul family of Palm Beach, and Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative, the Belle Glade co-op made up of about 38 local farmers, are close to closing the transaction.

The deal, which has been in the works for over a year, will allow

the two sugar companies to not only grow and process sugar, but receive the proceeds from the refined product.

Sugar prices have remained stable for almost 10 years, but a larger percent of the profits can be made at the refining level, a fact that prompted U.S. Sugar to recently build their own refinery in Clewiston last year. That plant opened last month.

Raw sugar sells for between 21 to 22 cents a pound, but bulk white sugar brings 28 to 30 cents

a pound.

Both Florida Crystals and SCGC will each own 50% of RSI and they will share in the profits from RSI. Florida Crystals has a small refinery at their Okeelanta mill near South Bay and currently refine about one-third of their raw sugar there. This will be a new venture for the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative.

Industry officials with both Florida Crystals and the cooperative did not return telephone calls about this story before deadline.

SunSpots

Fair tickets

Tickets to the South Florida Fair make great stocking stuffers and are available now at the Belle Glade and Pahokee Chambers. Buying tickets in advance can save money while helping the chambers with their annual fund raisers. Call either Chamber (996-2743 for Belle Glade or 924-5579 for Pahokee) to order tickets or stop by their offices.

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After school program at Mt. Calvary

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church and Planned Parenthood are sponsoring a free after school program for students 12 to 15 years of age.

The after school program will also include recreation, sports, creative writing, employment and training, health and dental services, tutoring, field trips and counseling.

The program will be held at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 399 Canal Street, Rinderville.

For more information call 993-9001

PTSA to host meeting

The Parent Teacher Student Association at Glades Central Community High School will be hosting a meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

The meeting will be an opportunity for parents and teachers to give input and find out what's happening at the school and how to get involved in school activities. For more information contact Layton Green at 993-1979.

A Christmas Carol comes to DHCAC

The traditional tale A Christmas Carol will be presented Thursday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. on stage at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade.

The show is sponsored in part by Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. To reserve your tickets call the Dolly Hand box office at 992-6150.

South Bay arsonist convicted

While renovations are underway at the South Bay City Hall to repair damage done by disgruntled employee, Dorothea Williams. She had her own problems this week when a judge sentenced her to five years in a federal prison.

Ms. Williams, 23, of South Bay, was a water clerk for the

city when she broke into the building, stole money and then scattered papers, spray painted the walls, pictures and computer equipment before setting the building on fire. She was arrested and charged with arson, burglary and grand theft. Although the damage done to the building was over \$1 mil-

lion, Williams has been ordered to pay \$359,177, the amount the insurance company did not cover according to federal prosecutor Bruce Reinhardt.

Final plans are underway for the renovations to the building and workers hope to be back in the building by the middle of next year.

Workers say they're tired of working for absentee employees

By Debra Miller
Staff Reporter

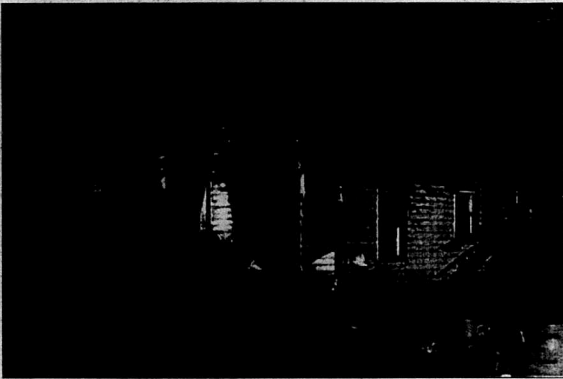
Some forty employees staged a protest in the parking lot of the Pahokee Youth Development Center last week claiming they are tired of working overtime for other absentee employees.

According to officials at the center, the work-

ers are also claiming the overtime policy is unfair and are refusing to work.

About 30 minutes into the protest, Facility Administrator Norm Townsell said he would meet with the employees and understand the

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Belle Glade Fire Rescue members Eric Schneider and Jose Santiago, along with other students of South Tech's Fire Academy, participated in a controlled burn at 280 Cypress Avenue in Pahokee on Friday, December 4.

Pahokee Youth / From Pg. 1

the workers' frustration, admitting tension has been building at the facility.

"We have some 257 workers here at the center and there are always going to be problems with some employees not showing up for work," said Mr. Townsel. "We still have to have the shift covered, which means we must call in employees to work."

Mr. Townsel said employees are forced to work a double shift when co-workers don't show up and none of the off-duty employees agree to come in.

If no one volunteers to work, people are drafted for the double shifts on a rotating basis.

According to Mr. Townsel, absenteeism is so regular that drafting someone for a double shift is a daily occurrence at the center.

He stated the Department of Juvenile Justice requires they keep a 1 to 12 ratio at all times at the center.

"We do not have a choice in

this matter," Mr. Townsel said. "This is in our contract and we must abide by it."

The center is run by Sarasota-based Correctional Services Corp., under contract with the Department of Juvenile Justice and the facility currently houses 290 teen boys.

Mr. Townsel said he was forced to make a policy change on Nov. 8 in response to ongoing staffing issues between the company and the state.

The change now requires the entire institution participate in the mandatory overtime, rather than only employees assigned to the area where the shortage occurred.

According to Rex Uberman, the state juvenile justice deputy secretary for operations, he was not aware of the protest, but plans to raise the issue along with a host of others the department wants Correctional Services to correct.

According to an October monitoring report, the company,

held 10 teenagers beyond their scheduled release dates in order to gain additional money on its contract.

Mr. Townsel stated he was not aware the teens were staying beyond their release time.

"I know theirs was a situation in which educational requirements had not been met and the teen had to stay," Mr. Townsel said. "The accusation is being investigated."

In another report from the Florida Abuse Hotline, state records show that one out of every two child abuse reports are coming from Pahokee and that 10 employees have been fired amid allegations of abuse or using improper force on the teens.

However, according to Mr. Townsel, when 300 teens have 24-hour access to a teen hotline, the line itself is going to be abused.

"We must give the teens access to the abuse line any time they want it," Mr. Townsel said. "It's like giving kids access to the cookie jar, they are going to take advantage."

Mr. Townsel stated that over the two years the center has been in Pahokee there have been a few incidents of abuse by employees but they were thoroughly investigated and employees were dismissed when necessary.

"As far as our employees, I feel we have always had an 'open door' policy here at the center," Mr. Townsel said. "We all work very hard to make this a good place to work and a positive place for the community. We have had our share of problems, but we are always working on positive changes and want people in the community to enjoy working here."

Holiday "Ham Shoot" to benefit the American Red Cross

Ham up the holidays by winning Belle Glade's First Annual Ham Shoot to benefit the American Red Cross.

Family and friends can enjoy an old-fashioned shoot-out for a very worthy cause, with smoked picnic hams for the winners and raffle prizes for shooters and spectators alike. The event will take place Tuesday and Wednesday, December 15 and 16, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The convenient location is the lot adjacent to Flotation Tire at Avenue L. The cost: \$2.50 per bullet or \$2.50 per raffle ticket (must be present to win). With a winner expected every five minutes, it could be quite a lucky night!

The evening of fun is sponsored by the Glades Area Service Center of the American Red Cross, which assists with a wide variety of needs throughout the area. In anticipation of Hurricane George this past September, for example, the Glades Area Service Center opened up four shelters to accommodate residents. Glades Central High School served as a shelter, along with Pahokee High School, John Boy Auditorium in Clewiston and the V.F.W.

Hall in LaBelle.

Proceeds of the Ham Shoot will go to benefit the Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Red Cross, of which the Belle Glade Service Center is a member.

Special thanks go to Winn Dixie and Lyons printing of Clewiston for their assistance with the event.

Quite a crowd is expected, so mark the date and try your shot as a winner! For further information on this event, please contact the Financial Development Office of the American Red Cross at 561-833-7711.

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All Red Cross assistance is free and made possible by generous contributions of time and money from the American people. For more information, call 561-833-7711 today.



The traditional tale A Christmas Carol will be presented Thursday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. live on-stage at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade. A jubilant holiday musical for audiences of all ages, A Christmas Carol is an unforgettable adaptation of Charles Dickens' timeless classic with lively new numbers and lots of audience participation. Don't miss A Christmas Carol, sponsored in part by Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida. Reserve your tickets now by calling the Dolly Hand box office at 561-992-6160.

Glades Area ARC elects Board of Directors for 1998-99

The Glades Area Association for Retarded Citizens held its annual membership meeting at the Belle Glade Marina on November 14. Awards and presentations were given by the Board of Directors and staff, and requisite business matters were addressed by the Association's membership.

Elected to the Board of Directors for 1998-99 are: Ms. Evelyn Johnson, Mr. Getchrell Singleton, Ms. Greadle York, Ms. Karen Corbin, Ms. Arnetta Kelly, Ms. Laura Hpard and Mr. Foster

Romero.

Beginning the second year of their two-year terms are:

Ms. Donia Roberts, Esq., Ms. Pam Campbell, Mr. Stephen Baumgartner, Ms. Alta Lee Barber, Ms. Sara Philips, Ms. Sandra Chamblee, Ms. Mary Jo Walker, Ms. Barbara Milligan and Ms. Mirtha Graydon.

Elected as officers for the Board of Directors were: President... Stephen Baumgartner; Vice President... Donia Roberts, Esq.; Treasurer... Alta Lee

Baker; Secretary... Getchrell Singleton.

In accepting his nomination to a third term as Association President, Mr. Baumgartner recognized the accomplishments of the Glades Area ARC as it celebrates its twenty-first birthday, acknowledging the organization as a major factor in improving the lives of the people it serves.

Paul Burkholder, former M.C.C. worker at the ARC and current volunteer, performed the installation ceremony of Board inductees and officers.



A TEAM EFFORT...The children from the Glades Tri-City Family Education Center Program, along with their parents, helped decorate one of the many trees in front of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. Pre-school teacher Pat Harvey (second from right) said this was the first year the children have participated in the tree decorating.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held on December 10, 1998 at 5:00 p.m. at the City of Pahokee City Commission Chambers, 171 North Lake Avenue, Pahokee. The purpose of this meeting is to notify the citizens of Pahokee of grant money received by the Police Department. The grant award amounts are \$25,501 and \$32,273. Money from these grants will continue to fund the D.A.R.E. program and Crime Watch program. Additional funds will be utilized to purchase and upgrade computer equipment needed by the Police Department. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On December 29, 1998 at 10:00 a.m., a public auction will be held at 605 US 27 North in South Bay, Florida.

The following vehicles will be auctioned off for charges. All sales will be cash.

1. 1977 Ford 2FAPB22F8X109714 #22820
2. 1976 Plymouth F141KED130642 #22886
3. 1983 Chevrolet 2C3BF96P6CDR18006 #22971

All of the above vehicles are currently stored at the 605 US 27 North location in South Bay, Florida.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Belle Glade will meet at 12:00 p.m., 12/14/98 for the purpose of reviewing the annual audit for the fiscal year ending 9/30/98.

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Public Safety Officer

The City of South Bay has an immediate opening for the position of Public Safety Officer. Applicant must possess both a Florida State Firefighter, and Florida Police certification. Benefits per City personnel policy. Starting salary 25k. Applications forms available at the City of South Bay Public Safety Department, 335 S.W. 2nd Avenue, South Bay, Florida. Deadline to return completed application is December 28, 1998.

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New therapy available for treatment of Periodontitis

(NAPSA)-If you are one of the millions of Americans who suffer from periodontitis, here's some encouraging news. A new treatment for periodontitis, one of the leading causes of tooth loss in adults, is now available to U.S. dental professionals and patients.

Called Peri-Chip® 2.5mg (chlorhexidine gluconate), it is the first product of its kind, a biodegradable chip, containing chlorhexidine gluconate, an antimicrobial agent intended to kill the bacteria that cause periodontal disease. Peri-Chip is a simple and effective therapy designed to enhance the effects of scaling and root planning for treatment of adult periodontitis.

Peri-Chip, a 4x5 mm chip the size of a baby's fingernail, is inserted directly into an infected periodontal pocket. It usually takes a dental professional less than one minute to insert the chip. Peri-Chip stays in place, releasing chlorhexidine (an antimicrobial) and is fully bioabsorbable in 7-10 days so there is no need for the patient to come back for its removal. It does not visibly stain teeth or alter taste perception.

Peri-Chip represents an exciting breakthrough in the treatment of periodontitis because it is a simple, effective treatment that imposes no restrictions on a patient's

normal oral hygiene routine, except that the patient should not floss the pocket in which Peri-Chip has been inserted," said William J. Killoy, DDS, Professor and Chairman, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry. "You can just place it in."

and forget about it. As a practitioner, that's attractive.

According to the American Academy of Periodontology, periodontitis is caused by bacterial plaque, a sticky, colorless film that constantly forms on the teeth. If the plaque is not removed, it hardens into a rough, porous deposit known as tartar. Toxins produced by the bacteria in plaque irritate the gums, making them red, tender, swollen and more likely to bleed easily. As the disease progresses, toxins destroy the tissues around the teeth forming pockets that fill with more plaque that may permanently damage the teeth. Left untreated, the affected teeth can become loose and fall out. Conscientious removal of plaque by brushing, flossing and professional cleaning can minimize the risks of gum disease. However, other factors can affect the health of your gums, such as hereditary factors, stress, diabetes and pregnancy.

For more information on Peri-Chip or gum disease, see a dental professional.

Want to cut the fat in your diet?



By Katrina Elksen, Contributing Editor

Some people are on low fat diets due to health problems. Others just want to lose a few pounds for vanity's sake.

You may have heard that you can cut fat by using applesauce instead of oil when baking a cake, or by using egg whites instead of whole eggs.

"Secrets of Low-Fat Cooking," from The Magazine of Food & Health, offers 100 tips for reducing fat in recipes, along with 200 low-fat recipes that use the tips. Some of the tips include:

- Use tea to reduce oil in vinaigrette salad dressing. Instead of using three parts oil to one part vinegar, use one part oil, one part brewed tea and one part vinegar. Extra-virgin olive oil is recommended. Olive oil helps the body generate more of the "good" cholesterol which cleanses the body of the "bad" kind. Extra-virgin olive oil is the most flavorful kind, so you don't need as much in a dressing.
- Thicken soup with bread.

Cubes or slices of French bread or Italian bread add no fat to the soup and make it very hearty and satisfying. French onion soup traditionally includes bread.

• All of the fat in eggs is in the yolk. To reduce fat in a recipe, cut the number of egg yolks and increase the number of egg whites. This can be as simple as removing half the egg yolks before making scrambled eggs, or taking out half the egg yolks from hard-boiled eggs when cutting up eggs for salad. When baking, substitute one regular egg and two egg whites for every 2 eggs the recipe calls for.

• When baking, use canola oil rather than other vegetable oils. Canola oil is extremely low in saturated fats and high in monounsaturated fats. It is high in linolenic acid, the plant version of omega-3 fatty acid. Most Americans don't consume enough omega-3, which can help lower the risk of some diseases.

• Substitute sundried tomatoes for salt pork in baked beans. The flavor is similar and you'll cut 80 percent of the fat.

• Substitute mushrooms for meat in spaghetti sauce.

• To make low-fat potato chips, slice 6 small potatoes into thin rounds, soak in water for 30 minutes, drain and dry with paper towels. Then toss with 1 1/2 teaspoon olive oil and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Lightly oil a microwave-safe plate. Arrange potatoes in a single layer. Microwave on high for 3 minutes. Turn slices over.

Microwave another 3 minutes. Transfer to another plate and allow to cool completely.

• Use Yukon Gold potatoes and buttermilk to make mashed potatoes.

• Remove fat and skin from chicken before baking. Brush with a glaze to seal in juices during cooking, or bake chicken in a clay pot to pressure moisture.

• Use flavoroil, low-acid vinegars and less oil in salad dressing. The mellowing the vinegar, the less oil you need to offset the acidity.

For books on low-fat cooking, check your local library.

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SOLICITATION FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM PROPOSALS

The Tobacco-Free Partnership of Palm Beach County is seeking to fund community education programs which will prevent the initiation of tobacco use by youth. Legally incorporated not-for-profit and government agencies may apply.

TARGETED POPULATION: Palm Beach County youth, ages 11-17.

WHEN: A proposal workshop will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2 p.m. at the American Lung Association, 2701 N. Australian Ave., West Palm Beach. Application packets may be picked up at that time.

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted by 3 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 1999.

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact Nancy Azzole at 561-586-7828.

Lupus: What You Should Know

(NAPS)-If you or someone you know shows symptoms of lupus, see your doctor. What you know could save your life.

Lupus is a chronic disease where the immune system, for unknown reasons, becomes hyperactive and attacks normal tissue. More than 1.4 million Americans have been diagnosed with the disease, which is often misdiagnosed or not taken seriously because of its vague symptoms, which often mimic those associated with other conditions. These symptoms include skin rashes, aches or swollen joints, fatigue, fever, pleurisy and anemia.

Understanding these facts about lupus can help many people recognize the symptoms, get treatment and keep the disease under control:

- About 90 percent of the people diagnosed with lupus are women. African Americans, Asians and Hispanics are diagnosed at twice the rate of Caucasians.
- Though there is no present cure for lupus, treatments are available.
- Lupus is not contagious, even through sexual contact.
- Although lupus is known to occur in families, there is no known gene or genes which are thought to cause the illness.
- Fad diets, an excess or an exclusion of certain types of foods are much more likely to be detrimental than beneficial.
- Many people with lupus are able to work full-time; others find they have to cut back to part-time.
- Lupus is generally treated with a drug regimen geared

toward reducing the inflammation associated with the disease.

Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as ibuprofen (Advil and Motrin), Naproxen, Naprosyn (Aleve) and Cloniril, and corticosteroids such as prednisone, dexamethasone and cortisone, are used to reduce pain and inflammation. Anti-malarials such as Plaquenil have been found to be effective in treating the joint pain, skin rashes and ulcers that some people develop on the inside of the nose or mouth.

Immunosuppressants and chemotherapy are generally reserved for those individuals who have the most severe flares of lupus.

For more information, call the Lupus Foundation of America at 1-888-38-LUPUS.

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Speak Out is our 24-hour opinion line. Call 996-6636 to express your opinion or ask questions about public issues. You are not required to give your name. While we want you to speak out freely, the newspaper reserves the right to edit calls for clarity, brevity, relevance and fairness.

Caller won't be buying gas here

"Local gas stations have said that the reason they must charge more is because of lower volume. This is one consumer who won't be purchasing their gas here in the Glades any more than she has to because it can be purchased cheaper on the coast for 98, 97, and even as low as 96 cents per gallon.

Volume will be a problem because I for one am going to boycott gas stations here who are selling 11 and 13 cents over the national average per gallon of gasoline.

Thank you."

Editor's note: We apologize to this caller because we apparently lost part of her Speak Out call. We hope her message was intact enough so she feels her point was made. If not, she is welcome to call back with a complete message.

Trees too low

"The O'Brien Child Care Center on 18th Street and Airport Road has three trees in the road. I broke my truck antenna on the tree limbs while passing a car on the street at the same time. If you pass you have to get over into the trees. It also rakes the top of your truck.

The trees look good but they are out too far in the road.

Please take care of the trees or paint my truck.

Thank you."

Caller offended by elf at Pahokee Chamber

"I'm calling about the Christmas decorations that are in front of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce. I passed by to view the decorations and the Santa they have at the head of the dike when you first go up.

I noticed a black elf that is in the Chamber yard. This elf has got two gold teeth in the front. Now, I wonder if that elf is supposed to represent me and my family? I hope not, because if that's not a racist statement I wonder what is.

You would have done better, if you would have put a slave out there and put the master over him with a whip. At least I'd know that down through the generations my people have been in slavery, but to put a black elf out there with two gold teeth, I think that's going a bit too far.

City Commissioners Keith Babbs and Roy Singletary, do your jobs. African American residents of Pahokee go by and view that black elf with the two gold teeth in front. Pahokee, I am so ashamed of you. What in the world were you thinking?"

Barbara Branch, committee chair and Shirley Jarriel, Pahokee Main Street Coordinator respond: "Thanks to The Sun for the opportunity to respond. The elves in front of the Pahokee Chamber are not meant as an insult to anyone. In fact, all of the people we spoke to loved the look that was created and several young people have named the couple. However, because we do not want anyone to be offended, the face has been repainted. All of the work done on the Julian Branch Festival of Lights was completed by volunteers representing every cultural group in Pahokee. We have worked together in harmony and accomplished a monumental task of which we are all very proud. The only thing I would ask is that before anyone chooses to criticize, come and lend your support to this project: help to paint, clean, and install the decorations. Give us your input before the fact. If you hear we do not want everyone's help, please know that this could not be further from the truth. Please for help have been in the paper and throughout the community for months. Don't wait for an invitation, just come and join us! Everyone is welcome and no offer of assistance is turned away."

Vice Mayor Roy L. Singletary also responds: "In the spirit of peace, harmony and good will to all humankind on behalf of the city commissioners I am taking this opportunity to respond to this caller's concerns. I want to thank you for taking the time to view our decorations that many of our citizens put forth much dedication and hard work to get ready for this wonderful time of year. However, in the spirit of consideration to you and the apparent sensitivity you have expressed about this matter, I have asked the design committee and they have agreed to paint over the gold teeth on both elves. I am sure as many of our children and adults from all ethnic groups worked on this project it was not anyone's intention to offend anyone. The elf is not supposed to represent anyone. Elves are a fantasy and that is what they were supposed to represent through the eyes of our children. Despite this caller's sensitivity, and in fact we have a right to our opinion, I am concerned about how this incident could be compared with the hardship and devastation to which slavery subjected our people. The time of slavery was a terrible time, however, the Christmas season is a wonderful time that is supposed to ease the memory of what slavery represented.

Before receiving knowledge about this matter many citizens in the African American community had already brought the elves to my attention, but only positive comments were shared then. Since this matter came forth, I

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Letters to the Editor

Chivalry alive and well

Dear Editor:

I would like to commend Ken Law, his ROTC students and the Sheriff's Explorers for their diligent and energetic help locating my lost dog during the Grassy Waters Festival on Saturday, November 21. "Sugar" unwisely attended the festivities on the lakefront, got confused by the crowd and lost her way back home. Mr. Law and the young men proved once again that chivalry, courtesy and community service are alive and well in the Glades.

Jo Hatton
Pahokee

There's a sweet spirit of community togetherness in Pahokee

Dear Editor:

I would like to tell the other communities of the Glades area about some of the things going on in Pahokee.

Anyone who has gone through this town in the past week or so will have noticed more Christmas decorations going up daily. This has been such a community effort. I don't dare start to mention any names for I am sure I would leave someone out. Let me just say that some have come and stayed all day while others have come by, said they could help for an hour or two, and asked what needed done. This has been such a project of caring, of love for community and months of planning by the Pahokee Main Street Committee coming to a wonderful end.

The Pahokee Chamber of Commerce building is ideally located and has been used as the headquarters. We have used their phone, bathroom, tables and every available space they had for storage, checking out lights and just a lot of other jobs.

We had folks who painted reindeer, Santa, soldiers, candy canes and many other items that are adding all the colors of the holidays we all like to see. School of Choice students painted beautiful angels that are displayed on the Chamber windows. Our Pahokee High School ROTC students were there to help. The guys from the Youth Facility did their part by cutting out all the figures to be painted in their shop. Some others were up on ladders, putting up lights and other decorations. We had those special folks who pulled weeds, picked up trash, edged sidewalks, and helped to make the decorations blend in with our greenery. We had someone to fix lunch for workers, (donated by local merchants). And on and on this list could go.

Some of the City Commissioners stopped by and let the workers know how much they liked what they were doing. One even came by and helped. The last few days the merchants would stop by and say if they were given the lights, they would help put by getting someone to put

them up on their buildings for us. So many would just stop by and let the workers know how much they appreciated them fixing up their city for the holidays and how much they liked what was being done.

As for the workers, being one I feel I can speak for the group. We had dirty, sticky clothes on at the end of each day (hey, it was hot out there), dirt under our nails, forget ever getting those white tennis shoes clean again, paint on and under nails, on arms, clothes, and especially hard to clean elbows. We had sore, achy backs, other aches and pains to remind some of us we were not as young as we used to be. At the end of the day, we all went home feeling we had made a difference and done something special.

One of the reasons I am telling you all this is to share the good. The Julian Branch Festival of Lights and all that comes with it is just what we needed at this time. What a sweet spirit of community togetherness. We worked hard and in so doing came together. For me, this is what this very special season should be about. Our communities coming together with hope and love for our towns and for each other. I want to do all I can to help keep this good spirit of ours working together for a common goal, not just until December 26th, but all of the coming year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those wonderful Pahokee folks for letting me be a part of this year's very successful decorating of their fine city. Being with all of you other volunteers almost every day has put renewed meaning into the holidays for me.

To Barbara and the gang JOE WELL DONE!

Anita Brunson
Canal Point

Thanks to those who helped

Dear Editor:

The Pahokee Garden Club gave packets of Garden Wildflower seeds, along with information on planting them, at the Grassy Waters Festival and Car Show. We had a drawing for a beautiful Anthurium Scherzerianum, pink in color. Guessing on "How Many Custard Apple Seeds" were in the jar netted a winner with Catherine Fountain of Pahokee guessing 1,000. The correct amount was 1,098. We telephoned her from the Grassy Waters Festival and told her of her winning guess.

We had a great turnout and want to thank those who helped, including: Juanita Bracewell, Vee Harrington, Elva Keen, Lillian Padgett, Georgie Moon, Hilda Wilkenson, Warren and Shirley Ingram.

A special thanks to the city employees for setting up the tables and chairs.

Shirley Ingram, President
Pahokee Garden Club

Christmas in Pahokee

By Shirley Jarriel

"Twas the month before Christmas and it wasn't snowing
But all over town the clear nights were glowing.

The children were thrilled with the new decorations
Bells, snowflakes and trees caused such a sensation!

Down South Lake and Rardin, down Barfield and Main

The lights are sparkling and none are in vain
Because all are thankful for this gift to our City

From people who care to make our town pretty
And the colors of Christmas are seen all around!
With Santas and elves and candy canes that abound

On the corner, the park and on top of the dike
To thrill the heart of every little tyke
To lust we forget the important real reason
The colors of the nativity scene welcome the season!

For Jesus is born, it's why we celebrate,
By the clean light of the stars that He helped to create!

The Sun

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Christmas parade is December 12

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce will present the Eleventh Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 10 a.m.

The Chamber invites all members of the community to participate by entering a float, decorated vehicle, marching unit, or a band. Certificates will be given for first, second and third place for each of those categories.

All entries are urged to reflect the theme, "Christmas Dreams." Although the only live Santa permitted in the parade will be the official Santa Claus designated by the Chamber, any replica of Santa may be used on a float.

Reserve your place in the parade by calling the Chamber at 996-2745.

Residents asked to "Light up" on Dec. 14

Directors of the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce will make their annual pilgrimage throughout the entire community searching for the best decorations in a variety of categories on Monday, Dec. 14.

Residents, businesses, churches, boats and campers are asked to "light up" on Monday night for this annual event.

Call the Chamber office at 924-5579 for further information or to add your name to ensure participation.

Belle Glade hosting decorating contest

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce extends an invitation to all the residents and businesses of Belle Glade to participate in their annual Home and Business Decorating

Contest. Certificates will be presented in each of three categories: Best Business Decorations, Residential - Religious, and Residential - Most Christmas Spirit.

Those wishing to enter should call the Chamber office at 996-2745 by noon on Dec. 21. The judging will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 22, so remember to have your lights on. "Show your community support by getting into the spirit of the holidays and entering your home or business this year," says Executive Director Danielle Penzel.

Holiday party for foster children

The Foster Parents Association of Palm Beach County is throwing a Winter Wonderland Carnival party for foster children on December 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Canal

work have been committed to bringing our community together for this holiday season and I hope there are many to come.

A special thanks to our Main Street Coordinator, the Design Committee and its chairperson and the many citizens from the community for the wonderful job they did. Happy Holidays to all from the City of Pahokee.

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have talked to citizens from the African American community and they shared the same comments as the others did. The comments were that the elves were cute and that it showed personality. Many in the community were surprised that what they saw as cute took a negative turn. Not only

do Commissioner Babb and I have a commitment to our citizens, the other commissioners share this commitment as well. It is our desire to fulfill our commitment with the help of each other and you, our citizens.

Again, we apologize to you and anyone else whom the elves scene may have offended. Much dedication and hard

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department made 17 arrests the week of November 30-December 6.

Those arrested included:
November 30 - No arrests.

December 1 - Juvenile, 17, burglary, grand theft and trespass; Antonio D. Kinsler, 18, burglary, petty theft and trespassing.

December 2 - Monte Graham, 28, aggravated domestic with a firearm and carrying a concealed firearm.

December 3 - Juvenile, 17, burglary, grand theft; Juvenile, 17, burglary and grand theft; Juvenile, 14, burglary and grand theft.

December 4 - Alfred Lee Evans, 40, warrant for failure to appear; Xavier Harris, 18, burglary of a dwelling and grand theft; Ricardo Aldana, 23, possession of cocaine; Martin Hernandez, 33, possession of cocaine; Juvenile, 15, trespassing after warning; Antonio Graham, 18, trespassing after warning; Leo Edward Jones, 24, trespassing after warning.

December 5 - No arrests.

December 6 - Shirley Jackson, 41, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia; Juvenile, 16, aggravated assault with a firearm and possession of a firearm; Cheryl Simmons, 32, aggravated assault with a firearm and possession of a firearm; Earl Coney Jr., 19, grand theft auto, felony fleeing and obstructing police.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 655 complaints, worked 10 crime scene and gave 3 traffic citations the week of November 30-December 6.

Those arrested included:

November 30 - Anthony Dennard, 38, burglary with battery and domestic battery; Ricardo Sanchez Espirita, 27, driving under the influence; Juvenile, 15, retail theft.

December 1 - Juvenile, 17, forgery, three counts of attempted fraudulent use of a credit card and two counts of petty theft; Juvenile, 17, attempted fraudulent use of a credit card.

December 2 - Willie Frank Barnes, 21, failure to appear, corruption by threat against an official and resisting an officer with violence; James Roberts, 35, violation of probation; Juvenile, 14, retail theft.

December 3 - John Jordan, 31, burglary of an occupied dwelling and petty theft; Herman Thomas, 27, violation of probation.

December 4 - No arrests.

December 5 - Ruben Figueroa, 43, possession of cocaine and possession of marijuana, under 20 grams; Curtis Allen, 21, burglary of a residence, grand theft, failure to appear and violation of probation; Juvenile, 15, grand theft auto; Eddie Lee Polk, 38, contempt of court.

December 6 - Early Coney Jr., 22, loitering and prowling and two counts of opposing and obstructing by a disguised person, Bobby Earl Griffin, 35, carrying a concealed firearm.

Point Community Center.

Santa is going to visit to ride the ponies and play the carnival games.

Winter Rec. Program

Starting Jan. 4 the City of Pahokee Recreation Department, in collaboration with CYCI (Rev. Patricia Wallace and Nelson Lopez) will be providing a Winter Recreation Program to the greater Pahokee area, including Canal Point and all other unincorporated areas. The goal of this program is to reduce crime and the objective is to improve academic performance and keep kids busy.

Through collaboration, the following will be provided: Basketball for elementary, middle and high school youth not participating in the same school sport; boxing instruction for 30 youth, which will include boxing competition matches monthly in the recreation center; tutoring and homework assistance for all the youth. The directors of the sporting and activities will require youth in their program to participate in the tutoring and homework assistance program, depending on the needs of the youth.

Registration begins Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Pahokee Gymnasium from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. For further information call Ron Osborne, director at 924-2972.

Worship Musical

The First Baptist Church of Belle Glade will sponsor a worship musical on Sunday, December 13 at 7 p.m. at the church.

The church is located at 17 Northwest Avenue B and the public is invited to attend the special service.

Special SAC meeting

There will be a very important PTO/SAC meeting on Thursday, Dec. 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at GladeView Elementary School in the school library.

Parents are urged to attend. For additional information you may contact Cyndi Stigall, Jessie Terry or Vivian Lee at 993-4035.

Meeting to "Raise the Roof" on Student Achievement

An event titled "Raise the Roof on Student Achievement" will be held Saturday, Dec. 12 at Pahokee Middle Senior High School in the multipurpose room.

Residents who are concerned about the education of children in the Glades and who want to have a more active part in the guidance and direction of schools are invited to attend.

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There will be a Parental Involvement Workshop and a portion on understanding the school advisory councils. There will also be a training session for School Advisory Council members, school personnel, parents, students and community members.

The workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is open to everyone in all communities. Child care will be provided and translations in Creole and Spanish are also available. A continental breakfast and snacks will be served.

For more information call Cynthia Laramore, certified SAC trainer at 992-1957.

Head Start Centers offer free and reduced meals for children

The East Coast Migrant Head Start Project offers free or reduced lunches to children in four of their centers located in the Glades.

The program is offered through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's "Child and Adult Care Food Program" and is available at: The Early Head Start Center and the O'Brien Center on 18th Street, Belle Glade; the Shannon Center on Duda Road, Belle Glade; and at the South Bay Center on US 27.

For more information contact the individual centers.

Openings for children at Head Start

Four of East Coast Migrant Head Start's centers have vacancies for children at their locations. The free program is for low-income children ages six weeks to five years. Also, eligible for Head Start are children with disabilities. Appli-

cants must meet family income guidelines.

East Coast Migrant Head Start runs from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and provides breakfast, lunch, and a snack.

Centers include the South Bay Center at 996-2939, the O'Brien Center at 996-1473, Early Head Start at 996-5453 and the Shannon Center at 996-2232.

Bereavement Support Group offered

Hospice of Palm Beach County is offering bereavement support for local residents. Anyone who is having a difficult time dealing with the death of an important person in their life, struggling with loneliness and a changing social role, is invited to attend.

For further information call 996-1285.

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The Chamber of Commerce got into the Christmas spirit this week and began decorating their office with handpainted ornaments, such as these elves placed at the side of the office. Helping were: Lewis Gordon, Jerry Arline, Warren Ingram and Chris Ingram.

Local Girls go to the Big Apple

Three members of the Pahokee High School Marching Bands award winning dance team, the Hi-Energy Dancers, flew to New York City.

On Thanksgiving Day they performed in the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is the largest and most televised Thanksgiving Parade in the world.

Tijana Warner, Alisha Hernandez and Cateria Powell earned the opportunity to perform with 547 other dancers from around the United States. Together they formed the Mike Miller Dancers. The Mike

Miller Dancers are sponsored by Mike Miller Associates in Dallas, Texas. This invitation provides that the Hi-Energy Dancers are an elite group.

While in New York, they lived for seven days in the New York Hilton Hotel, located in Manhattan. When they were not involved in countless hours of rehearsals, they visited numerous attractions, including seeing the Statue of Liberty, The Empire State Building and Radio City Music Hall.

Tijana, Alisha and Cateria were accompanied by Pahokee High School Principal, May D. Gamble, dance team directress,

Gwendolyn Davis and the band director's wife, Clarice Davis.

According to the O.D. Express Band staff, this is just the beginning of many major activities that will be taken on by the band. Six members of the Hi-Energy Dancers and the O.D. Express Majorettes have been chosen to perform at the most televised sporting event in the world - The Super Bowl in Miami.

Members are Cateria Powell, Alisha Hernandez, Shuntel Thompson, Melvinisha McKinney, Tekeisha Carter and Olivia Redden.

See photo on page 6B.

Commission hears proposal

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proposal from Larkin Community Hospital of South Miami. Dr. Jack Michel, CEO of Larkin, asked commissioners to support their purchase.

Christine Craft, vice president of Acquisitions and Development for Province, didn't go that far, but did say, "If the hospital is sold, we think we are the best alternative and a bright future."

She said Province, which owns

11 rural hospitals and manages 55 more in about 20 states, only deals with non-urban areas and has expertise in growing small, community hospitals.

Some of the points she made include:

- Reassurance that all current employees will retain their jobs
- Excellent employee benefits
- Continued indigent care. "We will commit in writing that we will offer the same level of indigent care," she said.

- Will have a clinic or out-patient facility in Pahokee
- Add six new physicians in the first two years
- Provide money to upgrade current facility immediately, and
- Build a new hospital within five years. They have committed \$25 million.

Ms. Craft said the hospital will be governed by a local board made up of community leaders and hospital doctors and that board will report to

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ELEMENTARY

Cat Talk

If you have a child entering kindergarten in the fall and are interested in him or her attending Gove Elementary School as a Magnet student call the school at 993-1922 to take a tour and pick up an application.

Gove Elementary School is an International Studies magnet that specializes in dual language. The goal is to create an environment that promotes equality and positive cross cultural attitudes while students become bilingual and biliterate.

The Magnet "open house" will be held on Jan. 21, 1999 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Upcoming events

Partners in Print will be held from now until Dec. 16, from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. in the media center.

Through the program, parents learn to see teachers as friends and partners in the education of their children. Mutual respect builds as parents learn concrete ways to help their children read. Most importantly, parents become their children's partners learning ways to help them read through simple activities. Parents and child rotate through hands-on reading stations. These activities are geared for early readers in grades pre-K through second grade.

Spaghetti Dinner

Gove Elementary PTO is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on Thursday, Dec. 17 between 5 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from the Family Center. Take out orders are available.

Student Council

Results of the student council election are in! Congratulations to the following students for being chosen by their peers to represent them in the school's student council:

President: Johnnie Slater
Vice President: Josie Almizan
Treasurer: George Baez
Secretary: Alex Williams
Executive Board Members include: Post president Derek Orsenigo and fund raising chair person Haley Meeks.

Student Council election is a schoolwide effort that allows students in third through six grades an opportunity to experience what it is truly like to participate in the decision making process of an organization. It was a very close race and we wish to congratulate all

participants.

Music Department

The Music Club will be performing the play "Once on a Housetop."

The play is about sweepers cleaning chimneys while learning about the different celebrations of the holiday season.

The play will be on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at Gove Elementary at 8:30 a.m. On Thursday, Dec. 17 the community is invited to see the play at 6 p.m.

The Handbell Choir and Steel Drums Band performed last Saturday and Sunday at the Dolly Hand Theater. They performed the "Living Christmas Tree."

This month's Student of the Month includes:

Elizabeth Zabal
Jackie Garza
Paul Smith
Judy Chancy
Trelvia Darlington
Javier Almazan
Dairent Beavers
Destiny Dowell
Karissa Johnson
Christian Gonzales
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Diana Delos Santos
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Pedro Mata
Amanda Castro
Ashley Arroyo
Alice Matias Colon
Lyndi Miller
Brittany Santos
Cassidy Carter
Krysta Chancy
Victor Flores
Isabel Hernandez
Yeny Nunez
Aron Romero
Ines Velasco
Sandra Martinez
Erich Rodriguez
Fernando Ramos
Stephanie Quintao
Brett Usher
Deyan Collins
Caitlin Ramos
Gerald Don Juan
Ruben Hernandez
Cynthia Orsenigo
Maycoll Hurtado
Christina Flores
Jalchira Frederick
Nuba Abraham
Kanya Workman
April Bouroughs.

Smith graduates

Amy Pvt. Freddie B. Smith Jr. has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, in Lawton, Okla.

During the training, he received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactical military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Smith is the son of Altemaze Y. Henry of South Bay and Freddie R. Smith Sr. of Belle Glade.

Wells graduates

Altoria L. Wells has graduated from Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University in Tallahassee.

She has earned a bachelor degree in elementary education and is the daughter of Diane Harvey and Michael Cason.

Commencement ceremonies will be held on Friday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.



By Donna Dixon & Jake Davis

It's time to order yearbooks! The annual staff is taking orders for the 1999 Gator yearbook through Friday, Dec. 11. The cost is \$40 for seniors and \$38 for underclassmen. A new credit card program has been added this year. For those who would like to purchase a book and don't have the ready cash, you can use your Mastercard or Visa.

Forms were mailed to parents two weeks ago with the information. If you didn't receive one, contact yearbook advisor Karen Hansford in the high school office at 996-6769.

While most faculty and students were home for Thanksgiving, senior Denea Wood took off for the Big Apple to appear in Macy's Thanksgiving Parade. Denea, a varsity football cheerleader, became eligible to perform after being selected to the Universal Cheerleading Association's All-Star Squad at camp last summer. She spent the whole week in New York City, visiting many of the tourist sites such as the Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, Radio City, Broadway and Rockefeller Plaza.

Our school's choral groups are getting set to present their annual Christmas program Monday, Dec. 14 in Tripp Hall. They are warming up for the concert by performing for various civic organization, including a show recently performed at the Pahokee Methodist Church for the ladies' Christmas luncheon.

The elementary has also been getting into the act by presenting their very own Christmas program in the school's gymnasium at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7.

The NHS and NJHS are asking for everyone's help in donating new or good, used toys for their annual Christmas Toy Drive. The donations will be given to local charities to help needy families in the Glades. Won't you help spread a little Christmas cheer by sending a couple of toys to your child's homeroom?

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HCD to host grand opening of its new offices

The Palm Beach County Health Care District will host a grand opening of its new, expanded offices at 1500A N.W. Avenue L in Belle Glade on Thursday, December 10 from 3 to 6 p.m. The general public and local officials are invited to visit the Health Care District's new Eligibility offices for the Coordinated Care Program and the new Enrollment offices for Personal Health Plan of Healthy Palm Beaches, Inc.

These offices used to be located in a trailer behind the C.L. Brumbeck Center.

"The grand opening of the new office site and our increased presence in the community continues to demonstrate our commitment to the Western County residents and their good health," says Cecil Bennett, CEO for the Health Care District.

In addition to learning about the Health Care District's Coordinated Care Program, which assists medically needy Palm Beach County residents access health care services, and Personal Health Plan of Healthy Palm Beaches, Inc., a

Medicaid HMO, visitors can learn about Kid Care, an affordable health insurance program for children.

Glades General Hospital will cater the event with food and drinks.

WBGF/WSWN will be on site for a live, remote broadcast from 2 to 5 p.m. where they will provide music and live interviews with Health Care District staff about the various programs being promoted at the grand opening. Prizes will be given to those who play the Wheel of Fortune. Everyone gets a free balloon.

The Palm Beach County Health Care District is an independent special taxing district responsible for planning, funding and coordinating health care and trauma services for the residents of Palm Beach County.

It accomplishes this through provision of a managed health care program, administration of the Palm Beach County Trauma System (Trauma Hawk), and works in cooperation with local organizations to make health services available.



Critics' Choice award winners from Glades Central are, front row, from left are: Robert Bennett, Tameka Hanna, James Hamilton, Shreese Lumpkin, Nephtalie Vargas, Steve Snead, Charicka Huyler and Sarah Bennett. Back Row, from left are: Jontavious Simmons, Tim Rumph, Leonard West, Terrance Wright, David Gorsuch, Lakeisha Huyler, Monique Bellamy, Angela Wilson, Nancy Lopez and Pierre Alrin.

Glades Central Thespians are Critics' Choice

The Glades Central Thespians attended the District Ten Thespian One-Act play Festival December 3 & 4 in Riviera Beach.

There were 13 schools presenting one-act plays from Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties. The Glades Central Troupe 2462 presented the play "W.A." by Tom Lavigrano.

The play was rated with straight superiors and selected as Critics' Choice, the highest honor given to the plays. As Critics' Choice, the play will be able to travel to the state festival in April for a performance and further adjudication.

The troupe will need to raise about \$5,000 to attend the convention. Any support from the community will be much appreciated. Please contact Sarah Bennett for information. The play discusses the idea

of whether monster movie make-up should be there to just scare the audience or should we have sympathy for the monster and see his humanity.

All of these philosophical ideas are encased in a very humorous play.

The cast of Nephtalie Vargas, Shreese Lumpkin, Steve Snead and James Hamilton are four movie make-up artists at their weekly meeting of the W.A. "Werewolves Anonymous". Tameka Hanna comes into the meeting because her boyfriend has just left her, for another werewolf. Yes, she is a werewolf herself. That is where the fun begins.

The crew of the play, David Gorsuch, Leonard West, Ter-

rance Wright, Lakeshia Huyler, Charicka Huyler, Pierre Alein, Angela Wilson, Nancy Lopez, Monique Bellamy, Tim Rumph, and Jontavious Simmons create the scene of setting the scenery into the set of the basement of the church in their own special way.

The play will be presented several more times this year to keep the cast and crew in step with the play until they present it in April at the State Thespian Festival in Tampa.

If the opportunity is presented to you to see this play, take the opportunity. The award-winning play is well done and full of action and surprises.



Honored for their work...Some of the ladies who work so hard to help put together the annual Living Christmas Tree performance at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center each year were recognized with a dozen red roses. Shown, from left are: Carol Schmidt, adult chair coordinator, Becky Watson, children's choir coordinator and Karen Corbin piano accompanist.



Toy soldiers...These young men in their colorful costumes were a part of the production at the 10th Annual Living Christmas Tree performance.



Students from many schools around the lake participated in the 10th Annual Living Christmas Tree performance at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center last Saturday and Sunday.

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Guest flutist, Marian Hatton, will be featured in the Christmas Cantata, Season of Praise, performed by the Chancel Choir of Community United Methodist Church, Sunday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m.

The cantata was written by Joseph M. Martin and directed by Carol Schmidt, choir director. The musical is a blend of beautiful new songs and familiar carols. Karen Cytin will accompany the choir at the piano and Becky Watson will lead the Bell Choir in several Christmas selections.

An offering will be received to benefit mission projects. Immediately following the program the church, located at 401 Southwest First Street in Belle Glade, will host a reception in Jameson Hall. Everyone is invited to attend. A nursery will be provided for small children.

Annual Christmas parade held in Pahokee

The City of Pahokee held their 13th annual Christmas Parade, "Christmas in The Glades," on Monday, Dec. 7.

Awards were given to several floats and entries: Grand Marshal Award - St. Mary Catholic Church Youth Group, Best Non-Commercial Float - to the City of Pahokee After School program), Best Band - Pahokee Middle-Senior High School, Best marching Unit - Pahokee Middle-Senior High School AFJROTC Color Guard & Marching Unit, Best Motor Unit - Good Shepherd Church of God Children's Ministry, Best Antique Vehicle - Walter Parker.

Judges for the '98 parade were Eddie Honeycutt, the Grand Marshal and Citizen of the year for 1997, Mrs. Julian (Margie) Branch and Diane for Florida State Representative Addie L. Greene.

The parade was preceded by the Julian Branch Festival of Lights. A dedication ceremony was held by Pahokee Main Street Coordinator Shirley

Jose Manuel Sepulveda, age 64 of Belle Glade died Tuesday, Dec. 1 in Belle Glade. Mr. Sepulveda had just retired from Sugar Cane Growers Co-op after 27 years as a truck driver.

Mr. Sepulveda is survived by his sons, Ronald McBride of Canal Point, daughter Donna Maria Priest of Belle Glade, brothers: Jose Antonio Sepulveda of Puerto Rico, Jacob Sepulveda of Vancouver, Washington, Bautista Sepulveda of Portland, Oregon and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Dec. 4 at the Belle Glade Church of God at 10 a.m. Interment followed at Port Mayaca Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Glades Funeral Chapel.



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Help for student housing

The Southern Scholarship foundation (SSF) is now accepting applications for the Fall 1999 semester. SSF awards rent-free housing scholarships to assist financially needy students graduating from high school, community college or students already in college who will be attending Florida State University, the University of Florida, Florida A&M University or Bethune Cookman College (men only). The application deadline for priority placement is March 1.

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Over four hundred university and college students received a scholarship from SSF this year to live in one of the 23 scholarship houses located at the four campuses. Southern Scholarship students save an average of \$4,510 per year on room and board costs when compared to other Florida college students.

Southern Scholarship Foundation at 322 Stadium Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32304. Students may also download an application from website <http://www.scholarships.org>.

Pace joins Army

Army Pvt. Phillip E. Pace has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldier will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history and traditions as well as special training in human relations.

Pace is the son of Johnnie M. Pace and grandson of Jessie M. Pace of Belle Glade. He is a 1998 graduate of Glades Central High School.



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Local guide dominates B.A.S.S. event

Five-foot-two Buck Durrance, apparently unhindered by his national tournament inexperience on a birth defect that left him with an underdeveloped left arm and hand, stood especially tall Saturday by running away with the \$42,000 first-place prize in the \$213,000 Bassmaster Florida Eastern Invitational on Lake Okechobee.

After taking a 5-pound-plus into Saturday's final round of the three-day event, the Okeechobee anglers smoked the competition with a 16 1/2-pound five-bass limit that ensured a total weight of 55 pounds, 10 ounces - and a 10-pound victory over Indiana's Chip Harrison, Jr.

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"I lost a 5-pounder near the end of the day

"This is all pretty scary," Mr. Durrance said when it became apparent he had won the first Bassmaster event he had ever entered. "I'm excited. I can't believe it."

and I thought it might cost me. But I caught a 7-pounder on the very next cast, so I figured it was meant to be."

Mr. Durrance 30, has guided on Lake Okeechobee since the age of 16. He utilized his extensive knowledge of these massive, weedy waters to locate several groups of bass that proved to be vulnerable to a 6-inch (black-grape with green glitter) Gambler plastic worm, as well as a (motor oil with red metal flake) Flutter Master worm. Both were rigged the weedless Texas style with a 3/16-ounce weight and 10-pound test line.

Mr. Harrison, a 36-year-old seasonal bass guide on the southern end of the big lake, finished second with 45-9 in his sixth-Bassmaster appearance by targeting schooling bass with a Rat-L-Trap lipless crankbait and 10-inch Gambler worm. "I went through a lot of keeper fish every day of the tournament trying to get quality bites," Mr. Harrison said. "I just couldn't get any big fish."

Lake Okeechobee expert Mike Surman of Boca Raton, who has won more than \$300,000 in tournaments on the big lake, finished third with 45-2, thanks to an 18 1/2-pound showing

Saturday. His success came on a Gambler (a company he co-owns) Crawdad and Gambler Hibdon Ninja Spin spinnerbait.

David Eng of Okeechobee, Durrance's partner in local tournaments, placed fourth with 44-11, followed by Mark Lamb of West Palm Beach with 44 1/2 pounds.

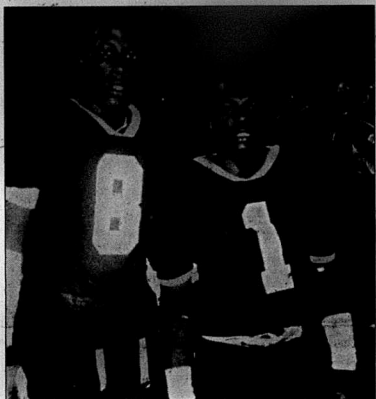
Clewiston's Roland Martin placed sixth and Walt Reynolds placed 10th in the standings.

In the end, Florida anglers dominated the standings, taking 11 of the top 13 spots.

The St. Johns event is the second of four Eastern invitational tournaments that will send five pros to the prestigious Bass Masters Classic world championship in New Orleans July 29-31.

The next event on the \$6 million Bassmaster Tournament Trail will be the Kmart Bassmaster Top 150 on Lake Tohopekalga in Kissimmee on Jan. 13-16.

Raider team advances to South Regional finals



(SUNPHOTO by Big A Vereen)

BIG A's TAKE IT TO THE TOP-GIVE IT ALL YOU GOT GUYS are #1 Jerry Campbell and #8 Antonio Thomas.

#8 Antonio Thomas, WR and back-up QB, HEIGHT - 6' 3"; WEIGHT - 195 pounds; SENIOR, after catching a pass from Campbell over the middle, ran into a swarm of tacklers. He said, "Jerry and I work and connect better under pressure." Campbell and Thomas also say to their fans, "come out Friday night to see our team work and wish us to the victory win!"

#1 Jerry Campbell, QB, HEIGHT - 5' 11"; WEIGHT - 180 pounds; SENIOR, threw three touchdowns - to Reggie Vickers, to McCrae #5 and to #29 Nakia Campbell to add to the rushing and running yards.



(SUNPHOTO by Big A Vereen)

#76 Kelvin Hyman, DL, HEIGHT - 6' 4"; WEIGHT - 265 pounds; 10th Grade, holds up two fingers after the win. His big brother holds up one finger to say the Raiders are still #1 in the 4A District. Dr. Grear, Principal, and the Raider cheerleaders were there to congratulate them on their win!

Final score 24-21 RAIDERS

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Glades Central advances to the South Regional finals this Friday night after their win over New Smyrna Beach last Friday night.

The Raiders will host the Miami-Pace team.

The Barracudas had a strong offense, but were no match for the Glades Central team, who

had a comeback victory in the second half after trailing 21-14 in the first half.

Jerry Campbell threw for 329 yards and three touchdowns in the game. Reggie Vickers caught all three touchdowns, including the game-winning touchdown with 7:05 remaining on the clock. Campbell was 14-of-30 for 324 yards and Vickers finished with

six catches for 209 yards.

Nakia Campbell, who has suffered some injuries this season, ran for 35 yards and Antonio Thomas had four catches for 64 yards.

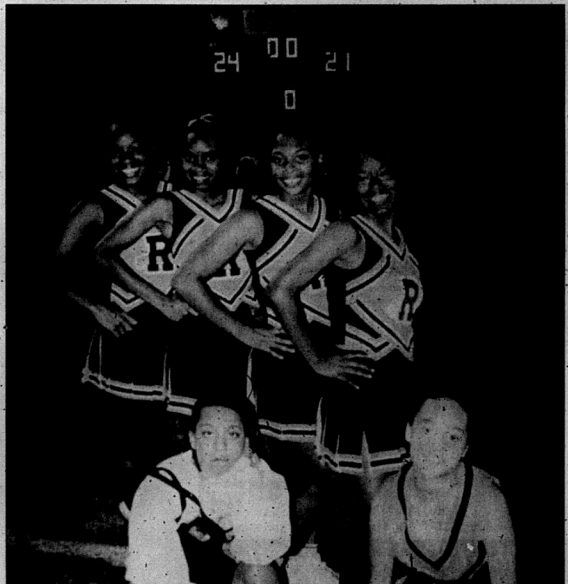
J'Tavious McCrae had 44 yards on three catches. He also led the Raiders with 43 yards rushing on eight carries.

Final score 24-21.



(SUNPHOTO by Big A Vereen)

Glades Central Raider fans support their Raiders by showing up with three bus-loads, cars and trucks. A true Raider fan, Money, holds up the DEFENSE sign and never misses a game. Behind him is Dr. Grear, who you can't see, holding her hand up with her brother, Chuck, her sister, Shirley, and best friend, Mrs. Maude Vereen. PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE RAIDERS THIS FRIDAY AT HOME and show the boys we care!



(SUNPHOTO by Big A Vereen)

Glades Central Raider Cheerleaders pose for Big A. The Final Score of Friday's game was Raiders 24, New Smyrna Beach 21.

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Big "A" Vereen	9-1	96-30
Clay Connell	9-1	94-32
Donny Moss	8-2	97-29
Mike Burke!	7-3	96-30
Vera Robinson	7-3	96-30
Wendy Cotton	7-3	92-34
Rick Gold	7-3	93-33
Penny Lester	10-0	94-32
Billy Rimes	7-3	94-32
Woody Salvatore	8-2	103-23
Mike Woodham	4-6	83-43

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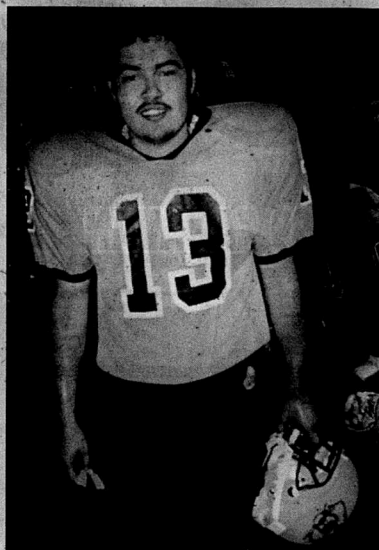
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Raider team advances to finals

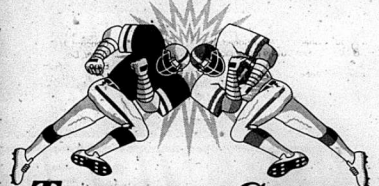


BIG A's PLAYER OF THE WEEK...#6 Reggie Vickers, WR; HEIGHT - 5'11"; WEIGHT - 180 pounds; SENIOR.
Wide Receiver Coach Mickey Freeman talked to Reggie before the game saying, "you have to do what we practiced this week. You and Jerry Campbell must become one. With your speed and Jerry's hand, we can control and take home a victory."
Jerry Campbell threw three touchdowns, all to Reggie Vickers. A pass from QB Campbell, a 66 yard TD to wide open Reggie Vickers in the beginning of the game and a second time Campbell connected with Reggie for an 81 yard TD pass.
Jay Seider, Raider Athletic Director, said to Big A, "I don't care how much money anyone has, they couldn't buy what I feel right now!"



BIG A's PLAYER OF THE GAME...#13 Jorge Huertas, Kicker; HEIGHT - 6'1"; WEIGHT - 190 pounds; SENIOR.
Head Coach Milton Watson came over to coach Sam King, special team kicker, saying, "we can go for a touchdown are going for a field goal and have a 3-point lead." Coach King said, "Huertas has been kicking good all this year. Let him give us the lead and we know and believe our DEFENSE guys can hold them for the win!" - Coach Watson called over #13 Huertas saying, "Son, you have to put two extra points on the board after the touchdowns but now we need the three extra points to win. Can you do it?" Huertas said, "I can coach. This is my last year and I want to go all the way."
Huertas kicked a 39 yard field goal.

(RAIDER SUNPHOTOS by Big "A" Vereen)



Treasure Coast All-Star Football Game is Dec. 12

The Treasure Coast All-Star Football Game will be played on Saturday, December 12 at 7 p.m., at John I. Leonard Community High School. Admission is \$5 with all proceeds going to The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.
This is the 5th Treasure Coast All-Star Game. The game includes players from all high schools in Palm Beach County, Martin County, St. Lucie County, Okeechobee County, and Hendry County. Every school has at least one player and no more than six players.
John Linstroth, who organizes the local All Star Game.

describes this game as "being about integrity and excellence. This is an opportunity for coaches to pass the baton to student athletes, with the emphasis on leadership skills." Superintendents from all counties support this game, including Dr. Joan Kowal who said, "This is an excellent opportunity for our communities to come together to support both academic and athletic excellence.
For some of our student athletes, this game will be the highlight of their careers. For all, it is a special chance to play with the very best athletes from throughout the Treasure Coast."



#5 J'Tavious McCrae, RB; WEIGHT - 180 pounds; HEIGHT - 5'11"; SENIOR. This young man had 44 yards of three catches and 43 yards rushing on 8 carries. McCrae said he just wanted to help bring home a victory and he did what he had to do.

Pahokee advances to finals

By Robbie Everett
The ripping of the Blue Devil's 10-0 shirt at the Clewiston vs Frostproof game by members of the Bulldogs squad was all the incentive Pahokee needed to put a muzzle on the team last Friday evening at Lair Field.
A 42-6 win against the Frostproof Bulldogs set up a rematch and showdown with Pope John Paul in the South Regional play-off game. The winner of this game will meet the North Regional winner (Jacksonville Bolles or Marianna) in the Swamp at the University of Florida, Gainesville.
Frostproof's defense entered the game last Friday evening in typical "Bulldog" style, intense, fierce and all over the place.

They snagged a Boldin pass, only his second interception this year, for their only scored points in the game.
With much tempering of the Bulldogs, the Blue Devils' defensive players Eric Moore, Demetrius Fitzgerald and Benjamin Griffin returned the favor and were like fleas on the bulldogs; keeping them totally distracted and unable to put together an offensive drive into the red zone. They also held C.J. Hudson, the state's leading rusher, to a season low 84 yards rushing. Frostproof completed its first pass in the game with one minute left in the fourth quarter.
Boldin's first of first five touchdowns came on a 71-yard pass to receiver Jacoby

Alexander. Desmond Ricketts and Boldin combined on the next few plays to set up a Boldin 2-yard run to give the Blue Devils a 16-0 half-time lead.
In the third quarter, Boldin found Ricketts on a 5-yard pass to give the Blue Devils a 22-6 advantage. The next touchdown was set up by a Victor Cooper interception that led to a Boldin TD run and Ricketts two point conversion. Boldin scored the final touchdown of the game on a 12-yard run to give the Blue Devils 42 points.
Friday evening's game will be the second time Pope John Paul and Pahokee meet this season. The first results were 62-10, Pahokee. Come out and cheer the Blue Devils on their quest for the state 3A title.

THE WINSTON CUP CIRCUIT

SLIGHT CHANGE: Winston has made a small adjustment, related to the fan awards, in its No Bull Five program.

Rather than having a drawing at the track, fans will be paired with each of the five eligible drivers, and if their driver was the subsequent race — races at Daytona, Las Vegas, Texas, Charlotte and Talladega are in the program — the fan will win along with his driver.

AMERICA'S TEAM: While The Cartoon Network will continue to be the primary sponsor on Jerry Nadeau's No. 9 Ford, Turner Broadcasting sister companies will also get into the act at selected races.

World Championship Wrestling, the Atlanta Braves and the Turner Broadcasting show "Dinner and a Movie" will be the centerpiece of the paint job at various times.

SEUMAN AWARD: Speedway consultant Clarence Cagle was the recipient of the annual Buddy Shuman Award, named after the ex-driver. Cagle was at one time a vice president at

ALMOST HOME COOKING

Calling the menu at the Winston Cup Awards Banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria home cooking is a bit of a stretch, but this year's fare included filet mignon with mushroom gravy, a "seasonal medley of vegetables" and a flourless dessert of chocolate mousse surrounded by a border of dark chocolate.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway during a lifelong career in the sport.

"To me, the most important thing is good racing," said Cagle. "I'll try my best to continue to work toward that."

TAKING THE REINS: Mark Martin has agreed to succeed his late father, Julian, as board chair and CEO of the family trucking business.

Julian Martin died in an August plane crash. What will now be known as Mark Martin's J-Mar Express is a Searcy, Ark.-based firm that employs more than 100 people, operating coast-to-coast hauling of general commodities and temperature-controlled freight.

CREW OF THE WEEK

■ Who else but the Rainbow Warriors? Or as John Hendrick calls them, the "Rainbow Wah-yuhs." At the Winston Cup Awards Banquet, they swept virtually everything, led by crew chief Ray Everham and engine-builder Charlie Siegars.

YOUR TURN

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week

Thanks to Rick (Hendrick) the team owner, thanks to Ray (Everham) and all the Rainbow Warriors, and thanks to Jeff (Gordon) and his driving skills for the great year. Maybe next year will bring us Gordon fans 15 wins and another championship.

In motorcycle racing, the rider with the most points at the end of the season gets to display a big No. 1 on his machine the following year. The fans know who the champion is and will until someone beats him. Then he goes back to his old number. Would this work in NASCAR?

I don't think a driver should be able to compete in both the Busch Series and the Winston Cup Series. They should have a choice — one or the other, but not both.

It just doesn't seem fair that the guys racing in the Busch Series should have to compete with the Winston Cup Series drivers. Do you have a comment on this?

Don Lewis
Ardmore, Okla.

Dear Don,

The awarding of No. 1 to the champion is a tradition in motorcycle racing, and used to be a tradition in Indy-car racing. The reason it is not done in NASCAR is the same reason: Tradition holds that a team is awarded a number and maintains it, regardless of season standings.

Many readers have complained about Cup drivers being able to race in Busch Grand National. Winston Cup drivers are a driving card for BGN races, and most promoters think it helps put people in the stands in a series where sellouts are not commonplace. Also, there is a tradition in NASCAR, admittedly somewhat watered down in modern times by provisional starting spots, in which anyone can attempt to qualify for a race, and if fast enough, gets a chance. At one time, drivers such as A.J. Foyt and Mario Andretti made occasional Cup appearances. At least, publicly, many BGN drivers say they like the challenge of competing with Cup stars. Remember, BGN races afford lesser-known Cup drivers like Dick Trickle and Robert Pressley a chance to run up front.

Comment or question? Write: NASCAR This Week, Your Turn, c/o The Winston Gazette, 2500 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054

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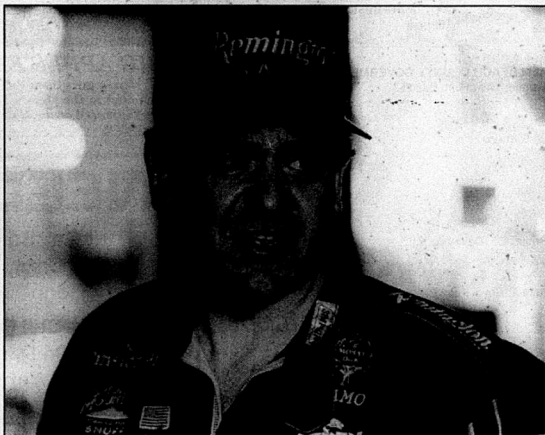
ON THE MARKET

Feature: Sections devoted to most of the world's forms of racing. NASCAR section has exclusive interviews, descriptions, opportunities for chats and other functions.

Week pointer: Not very common. The also is geared toward racing-racing enthusiasts, but the conclusion of the Formula One season was not reached yet. Also, there is no specific section devoted to the Indy Racing League.

PROFILE

Rick Mast



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Rick Mast says his team deserves better than what's happened the last two years.

By Monte Dutton

NASCAR This Week

Despite having considerable talent, Rick Mast has never been able to win a Winston Cup race. Now he is attempting to find another ride to continue his quest.

Mast is one of Winston Cup racing's best-liked drivers, but he may be reduced to making occasional starts, either with a part-time team or as a substitute for an injured driver.

He left Butch Mock's team at the end of the season after two years. Before that, he drove six years for Richard Jackson's team.

At Rockingham in 1994, Mast finished second to Dale Earnhardt by little more than a car length, despite having damaged his car by brushing the wall earlier in the race. He also received acclaim by winning the pole for the first Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis.

A former high school basketball player, Mast sponsors a charity golf tournament each year to raise money for the Rockbridge (Va.) Area Free Clinic.

AGE: 41

WIFE: Sharon

CHILDREN: Ricky (15), Katie (2), Sarah (2)

HOMETOWN: Born in Lexington, Va., lives in Rockbridge Baths, Va.

CAR: To be determined.

CAREER RECORD: 276 starts, 4 poles, 0 wins, 7 top fives, 32 top 10s, almost \$6 million in earnings.

FIRSTS: Start (Aug. 27, 1988, at Bristol), pole (Nov. 13, 1992, at Atlanta), win (none).

WAS THE 1998 SEASON SO DISAPPOINTING? "The reason we didn't run well, the missing ingredient, is that we were not handling properly on the race track. And the reasons for that are

infinite. ... If you're running bad and you can't figure out why, then you've got yourself a problem."

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"Like it or not, the driver is the heartbeats of the team. If he gets out of the car ranting and raving about this not working right or that, the first thing you know, all the guys are acting that way. When that happens, you're done. So I stay upbeat to keep them upbeat, because they deserve better than what's been happening for the past two years."

WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE YOU GOT STARTED?

"It used to be, if you worked harder than the other guy, you could usually outrun him. Nowadays, hard work is a given. You've got to work hard, but you've got to work smart."

TRIVIA

1. Name the four generations of race drivers named Petty.
2. How did Glenn Roberts get the nickname "Fireball"?
3. Who married the daughter of Donnie Allison?

Who's hot?

WHO'S HOT? Darrell Waltrip found himself a Ford ride in a second car fielded by Travis Carter.

WHO'S HOT? No such luck, thus far, for Geoff Bodine and Rick Mast.

AROUND THE GARAGE

Dale Jarrett enjoys his stint on morning radio with Imus

By Monte Dutton

NASCAR This Week

NEW YORK — Dale Jarrett enjoyed his Friday morning appearance on "Imus in the Morning," the nationally syndicated radio show that also appears on MSNBC cable television.

"He (Don Imus) was easy on me," said Jarrett of the excitable talk-show host. "I really enjoyed it. It's really good show."

STATE OF THE SPORT: Bill France Jr., looking fit and upbeat, delivered his annual address on status of NASCAR on Dec. 3, the day before the Winston Cup Awards

Banquet. "Never before in the course of NASCAR history have we felt the excitement, the momentum and the red-hot potential that is such a positive force today," boasted France. "We know where we are, where we're headed and what is fueling our success."

Noting that NASCAR races comprised 17 of the top 20 sporting events in the United States, defined by live attendance, France defended NASCAR's advance into a variety of sporty fields.

"The race track is not our only place," he said. "We must also drive in the corporate arena. ... Our roles are multidimensional,

but there is a common denominator to all that we do. Our operation as a business, a sport and a culture all intersect at the race track, they form the past, present and future. Quick simply, our core product is racing. It has always been that way and it always will be."

THE USUAL: Bill Elliott, who has won a race since September 1994, took the fan vote for most popular driver for the eighth consecutive year and 13th time overall.

Elliott earned nearly 49 percent of the approximately 44,000 votes cast in a call-in survey sponsored by the National

MotorSports Press Association.

"I've had a group of fans that have really supported me through thick and thin," said Elliott. "For my family and myself and everyone involved, that's been greatly appreciated."

RICHTEK JOINS IRWIN: Robert Yates will apparently name Doug Richtek as crew chief of the No. 28 team with rookie of the year Kenny Irwin. Yates released the incumbent crew chief, Richard "Sluggo" Labbe, after the season-ending race at Atlanta.

Richtek has been crew chief for Joe Falk's No. 91 Chevrolet since December 1997.

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POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. D. Earnhardt Jr., 5,208	1. D. Earnhardt Jr., 4,469	1. Ron Hornaday Jr., 4,072
2. Mark Martin, 4,964	2. Matt Kenseth, 4,421	2. Jack Sprague, 4,069
3. Dale Jarrett, 4,519	3. M. McLaughlin, 4,045	3. Joe Ruttman, 3,874
4. Rusty Wallace, 4,501	4. Randy LaJoie, 3,543	4. Jay Sauter, 3,872
5. Jeff Burton, 4,415	5. Elton Sawyer, 3,533	5. Tony Ranks, 3,596
6. Bobby Labonte, 4,180	6. Phil Parsons, 3,525	6. Jimmy Hensley, 3,570
7. Jeremy Mayfield, 4,157	7. Tim Fiedera, 3,515	7. Stacy Compton, 3,542
8. Dale Earnhardt, 3,928	8. Elliott Sadler, 3,476	8. Greg Biffle, 3,276
9. Terry Labonte, 3,901	9. Buckshot Jones, 3,453	9. Ron Barfield, 3,227
10. Bobby Hamilton, 3,785	10. Hermie Sadler, 3,340	10. Mike Bliss, 3,216

TOP TEN

Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

1. Jeff Burton (1)
2. Mark Martin (2)
3. Dale Jarrett (3)
4. Rusty Wallace (4)
5. Jeff Burton (5)
6. Bobby Labonte (5)
7. Jeremy Mayfield (10)
8. Dale Earnhardt (8)
9. Terry Labonte (9)
10. Bobby Hamilton (NR)

1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Date	Track	Location
Feb. 7	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 14	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Feb. 21	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
Feb. 28	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	Las Vegas, Nev.
March 14	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Darlington, S.C.
March 21	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
March 28	Texas Motor Speedway	Fort Worth, Texas
April 11	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
April 18	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
April 25	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
May 2	California Speedway	Fontana, Calif.
May 15	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
May 22	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Charlotte, N.C.
May 30	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Charlotte, N.C.
June 6	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
June 13	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
June 20	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
June 27	Sears Point Raceway	Sonoma, Calif.
July 4	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 11	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
July 18	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
July 25	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Indianapolis, Ind.
Aug. 1	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 8	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
Aug. 15	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Aug. 22	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Aug. 29	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Sept. 5	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Sept. 12	Daytona International Speedway	Daytona Beach, Fla.
Sept. 19	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 26	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
Oct. 3	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 10	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 17	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
Oct. 24	Phoenix International Raceway	Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 1	Miami-Dade Homestead Motorsports Complex	Homestead, Fla.
Nov. 8	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Atlanta, Ga.

TAX SAVINGS

GARY R. NIKOLITS, CFA, PROPERTY APPRAISER
Filing Deadline for 1999 Tax Saving Exemptions is March 1st, 1999

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION \$25,000

In order to qualify for this exemption you must:

- Hold Title to the property as of January 1, 1999 • Reside on the property as of January 1, 1999
- Be a permanent resident of the State of Florida as of January 1, 1999 •

When you apply for the exemption, please bring with you the following:

1. A Copy of Your Recorded Deed.
2. Social Security Number.
3. Permanent Residency Proof (Alien Registration Card), if not a U.S. Citizen.

In addition, please bring the following items, issued prior to January 1, 1999, which apply to you:

1. Florida Driver's License.
2. Florida Vehicle Registration.
3. Florida Voter's Registration.
4. Declaration of Domicile.
5. Death Certificate, if applicable, for widow(er)'s exemption.
6. If property is held in trust, provide a copy of the trust agreement or Trust Affidavit.

APPRAISER'S OFFICE, PALM BEACH COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
5th Floor, 301 North Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach
Phone (561) 355-2886

NORTH COUNTY -
3188 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens
Phone (561) 624-6521

GLADES AREA -
2976 State Road 15, Belle Glade
Phone (561) 996-4890

SOUTH COUNTY -
501 South Congress Ave., Room 150, Delray Beach
Phone (561) 276-1250

ROYAL PALM BEACH -
11500 Okeechobee Blvd., Suite A, Royal Palm Beach
Phone (561) 790-6001

**MARCH 1st IS THE FINAL DAY TO FILE
FOR THESE TAX SAVINGS
• FILE ON TIME •**

OUR REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AT THESE LOCATIONS FROM 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NORTH COUNTY AREA			SOUTH COUNTY AREA		
AREA	DATE	LOCATION	AREA	DATE	LOCATION
Jupiter	January 6	Town of Jupiter; 210 Military Trail, S of Indiantown Road	Boynton Beach Mill	January 21 & 28	Congress Ave.; From 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Golden Lakes	January 7	Clubhouse; Phase B, 1500 Golden Lakes Blvd., W.P.B.	Highland Beach	February 3	Town Hall; 3614 S. Ocean Blvd.
Lake Worth	January 13	Library; 414 Lake Avenue, Lake Worth	Leisureville/Boynton	February 9	Clubhouse Rd; 2000 13th Ave.
*Century Village/W.P.B.	January 19	Hastings Clubhouse; West Palm Beach	*Kings Point/Delray	February 11	Main Clubhouse; Delray
Greenacres	January 21 & 22	City Hall; 5985 10th Avenue.	*Century Village/Boca	February 16	Main Clubhouse; Lyons Road, Boca
*Residents Only			Boca Raton City Hall	February 18	City Hall; 201 W. Palmetto Park Road

THE FOLLOWING EXEMPTIONS MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO YOU:

1. Widow and Widower Exemptions.
2. Disabled Veteran's Exemption.
3. Non-Veteran Total Disability Exemption.

OTHER TAX SAVINGS YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR:

1. Agricultural (Greenbelt) Classification.
2. Not-For-Profit Exemption.
3. Tangible Personal Property Exemptions.

Please call or visit the office nearest you for further information.

**The Main Street Office at
301 North Olive Avenue,
West Palm Beach
will be open at 7:30 a.m.
Monday through Friday (excluding holidays)
for filing exemptions from
January 4 through March 1, 1999**

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION IS NOT TRANSFERABLE
A NEW APPLICATION MUST BE FILED FOR ANY CHANGES
IF EVERYTHING IS THE SAME, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN
AUTOMATIC RENEWAL RECEIPT CARD FOR 1999 HOMESTEAD**



BIG APPLE EXPERIENCE

Three girls from Pahokee High School's Drill Team - Hi-Energy Dancers - participated in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York. From left to right are Tijauna Warner, Cateria Powell, and Alicia Hernande.

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HAVE AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY HOLIDAY SEASON!

The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County wishes you happy holidays! We're so fortunate in Florida to be able to enjoy our beautiful environment all year long. The only snow we battle is the kind that comes out of a can and the only ice you'll find around is in our glasses of tea (or in our picnic coolers).

So to help protect the nature we all enjoy, please consider following some of our tips below. We hope you have a safe, wonderful and environmentally-friendly holiday season.

Shopping for gifts

Buy recycled, when you can.
Consider giving recycled stationery as gifts.
Send recycled greeting cards this year.
Look for clothing made out of recycled plastic.
Check out environmental novelty items, such as recycled rubber place mats and coasters.

Buy no waste gifts, like gift certificates to a local store.
Shop at local consignment shops and thrift stores.
(You'll be promoting reusing instead of throwing away.)

Wrapping gifts

Wrap a gift in a gift, such as wrapping a decorative pin in a new silk scarf.
Use newspaper as gift wrap and recycle when through.
Look for recycled wrapping paper or use reusable gift bags.

Entertaining

Buy snacks and beverages in bulk (less packaging waste).
Set your table with china, silverware, glasses and cloth napkins.
(There will be less to throw away.)
Place recycling bins in a location where your guests can find them.

Enjoy the season and the environment!



If you have questions, call the Solid Waste Authority at 697-2700 or 930-ASAP toll free.



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\$1000 Cash Back or 1.9% Financing
for 36 months.*

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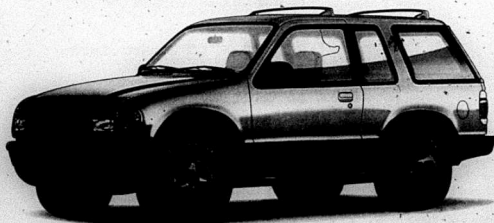
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'99 EXPLORER SPORT
Lease for \$283 a month for 24 months
or Buy for \$19,995 MSRP.*

*Payment based on a 24-month closed-end lease with approval from Ford Credit. Some payments higher, some lower. First month's payment, \$1,999 down payment plus tax, tag and \$250 refundable security deposit due at inception. Total of payments: \$6,787. Option to purchase at lease end: \$11,737. 12,000 miles per year, \$15 per mile thereafter. Lessee responsible for excessive wear and tear. Offer valid on 2-dr Explorer Sport with PEP Package 931-A.

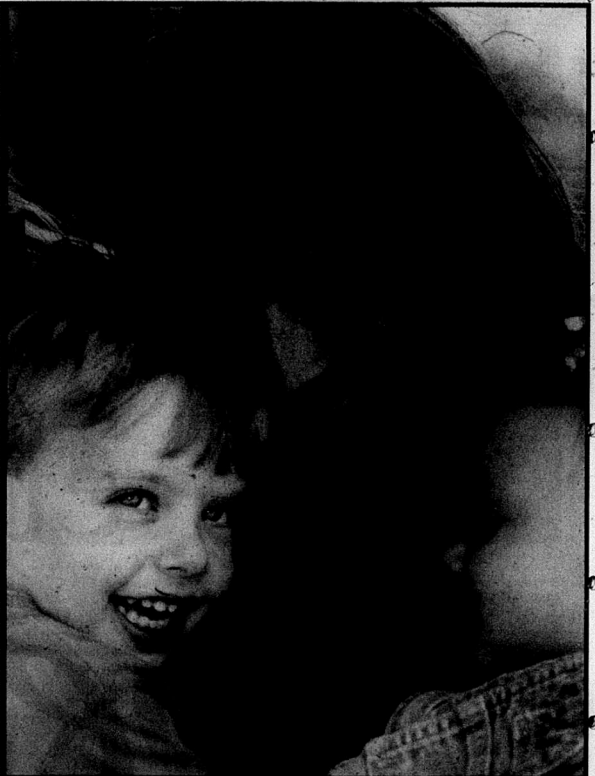
'99 F-150 SUPERCAB XLT
\$233/Month for 24 Months.*

*Payment based on a 24-month closed-end lease with approval from Ford Credit. Some payments higher, some lower. First month's payment, \$2,124 down payment plus tax, tag and \$250 refundable security deposit due at inception. Total of payments: \$5,601. Option to purchase at lease end: \$14,066. 12,000 miles per year, \$15 per mile thereafter. Lessee responsible for excessive wear and tear. Offer good on select models only.



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